

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Canceled)

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the acute pain is acute postoperative pain.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A ~~The~~ method of ~~claim 1~~ treating acute pain in a patient in need thereof comprising orally administering an effective amount of oxycodone and ibuprofen in one oral dosage form at least once a day to provide partial or complete pain relief within 30 minutes, wherein the oral dosage form comprises about 5 mg of oxycodone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of oxycodone hydrochloride, and about 400 mg of ibuprofen or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of the free acid of ibuprofen.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein the oral dosage form is a tablet or capsule.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A ~~The~~ method of ~~claim 1~~ treating acute pain in a patient in need thereof comprising orally administering an effective amount of oxycodone and ibuprofen in one oral dosage form at least once a day to provide partial or complete pain relief within 30 minutes, wherein the oral dosage form comprises about 10 mg of oxycodone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of oxycodone hydrochloride, and about 400 mg of ibuprofen or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of the free acid of ibuprofen.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 5, wherein the oral dosage form is a tablet or capsule.

Claim 7 (Original): A method of treating acute pain in a patient in need thereof comprising orally administering an oral dosage form comprising from about 5 to about 10 mg of oxycodone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of oxycodone hydrochloride, and from about 350 to about 500 mg of ibuprofen or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of the free acid of ibuprofen.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 7, wherein the oral dosage form comprises about 5 mg of oxycodone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of oxycodone hydrochloride, and about 400 mg of ibuprofen or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of the free acid of ibuprofen.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method of claim ~~4~~ 7, wherein at least 95% by weight of the oxycodone and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof is released from the oral dosage form after 15 minutes in fasted state simulated intestinal fluid.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method of claim ~~4~~ 7, wherein the ~~maximum~~ maximum plasma concentration of ibuprofen is reached within 1.5 hours after oral administration of the oral dosage form.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method for accelerating onset of pain relief in acute postoperative pain experienced by a patient post-anesthesia comprising administering to the patient an oral dosage form comprising (a) from about 350 to about 500 mg of ibuprofen or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of the free acid of ibuprofen, and (b) from about 5 to about 10 mg of oxycodone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, ~~at a weight ratio within the range of 20:1 to 100:1, based on the weights~~

~~of molar equivalents of oxycodone hydrochloride and ibuprofen, respectively, wherein the amount of oxycodone or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in said dosage form is within the range of about 5 and about 10 mg, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of oxycodone hydrochloride.~~

Claims 12-15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The oral unitary dosage form of ~~claim 15,~~ wherein the oral unitary dosage form comprises comprising about 5 mg of oxycodone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of oxycodone hydrochloride, and about 400 mg of ibuprofen or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of the free acid of ibuprofen.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The oral unitary dosage form of claim 16, wherein the oral unitary dosage form is a tablet.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The oral unitary dosage form of claim 16, wherein the oral unitary dosage form is a capsule.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The oral unitary dosage form of ~~claim 15,~~ wherein the oral unitary dosage form comprises comprising about 10 mg of oxycodone or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of oxycodone hydrochloride, and about 400 mg of ibuprofen or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, based on the weight of a molar equivalent of the free acid of ibuprofen.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The oral unitary dosage form of claim 19, wherein the oral unitary dosage form is a tablet.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The oral unitary dosage form of claim 19, wherein the oral unitary dosage form is a capsule.

Claim 22 (New): The method of claim 7, wherein the oral dosage form is administered at least once a day to provide partial or complete pain relief within 30 minutes.

Claim 23 (New): The method of claim 11, wherein the oral dosage form is administered at least once a day to provide partial or complete pain relief within 30 minutes.